

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

Nasser Ahmad

Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 8/24/2006.
2. ☐ The allowed claim(s) is/are 3-7,9,13-16 and 18-25.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 8/30/06.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☒ Other See Continuation Sheet.

Continuation of Attachment(s) 9. Other: Drawings filed on 4/2/04 are acceptable to the examiner.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jon Birmingham on 8/30/2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 19, 20, 21, line 15, the phrase "the base and liner" has been replaced by -
- all layers of the form- - .

Claims 23, 24 and 25, lines 14, 13 and 13, respectively, the phrase "the base and liner" has been changed to - - all layers of the form- - .

Specification, paragraph-[0001], line 2, after "2003", the phrase - - , now US Patent 6,989,183 - - has been inserted.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

A review of applicant's arguments in amendment filed on 8/24/2006 and a review of the instant amended claims has convinced the examiner that the claims are allowable over the prior art of record. The prior art fails to teach or suggest a business form having a removable integrated card, the business form comprising a base layer of cardstock material, a liner layer adhesively secured to the base layer second side, an integrated

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removable card comprising at least a portion of the base and the liner layers, and having a periphery edge defined by a plurality of die-cuts extending through all layers of the form, a plurality of bridging portions disposed between adjacent die-cut to maintain the card in the form, and a cut-out extending through all the layers of the form and positioned adjacent the periphery of the card to assist in removal of the card from the form (claims 19, 20, 23, 24, 25); or the die-cuts extend through the base and the liner layers, with the form having only the base, liner and cover layers (claim 21). Also, no evidentiary support could be provided to support the position that the instant claimed invention would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art.

The closest prior art of CASAGRANDE (USP 6322655) relates to business form with integrated removable card. However, CASAGRANDE fails to teach the cut-out extending through all the layers and the periphery cut line is perforated die-cut extending through substantially all the layers.

The prior art of FISCHER (USP 5736212) relates to a cutout adjacent to the periphery of the cardstock but fails to teach that the cut-out extends through all the layers of the business form.

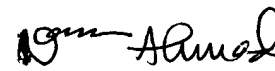
Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nasser Ahmad whose telephone number is 571-272-1487. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM, and on alternate Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Harold Pyon can be reached on 571-272-1498. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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